

City of Falcon Heights Environment Commission

City Hall
2077 Larpentour Avenue West

MINUTES

Monday, June 8, 2026
6:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Adam Keester (Chair) <u>X</u>	David Smith <u>X</u>
John Pellegrini (Vice-Chair) <u>X</u>	Monika Chandler <u>X</u>
Nuz Sanidad (Secretary) <u>X</u>	Erica Bjelland <u>A</u>
Beth Mercer-Taylor <u>A</u>	
Staff Liaison Myhren <u>X</u>	
Council Liaison May <u>X</u>	

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Keester made a motion to prove the agenda. Motion passed by consent.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 11, 2026

*Chair Keester made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2026 meeting.
Motion passed by consent.*

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Indoor Air Quality

The commission discussed an upcoming informational event focused on indoor air quality concerns, including mold, third hand smoke, and other home environmental hazards. Falcon Heights resident Nina Sherburne shared her personal experience with undisclosed property issues and proposed a community listening session featuring expert speakers. Sherburne is still looking for more volunteers, leads, or experts in indoor air quality. The commission expressed support for partnering on the event, including helping promote it through the city newsletter and exploring the use of City Hall as a venue. Commissioners also discussed adding indoor air quality resources to the city website.

2. Boulevard Tree Update

Staff Liaison Myhren reported that sign-ups for the free boulevard tree program were lower than expected, with only 17 residential trees requested so far. Staff are considering

additional trees for public spaces. Discussed promotion for fall tree sign-ups which could begin at the Ice Cream Social on July 16, 2026.

3. **Lawn & Garden Tours**

As of June 8, 2026, eight hosts have confirmed participation in the Lawn and Garden Tour, with two additional likely prospects. The commission hopes to secure more hosts before the July 10 deadline.

4. **Climate Action Plan Implementation Update**

Staff Liaison Myhren highlighted a few climate action goals that the Commission could focus on starting and finishing this fall for commissioners to pick up. Chair Keester mentions as a member of the CAC, he will explore with plan options that could be targeted with the development on the old golf course. The commission agrees that waste management and water, wastewater, is a good area to prioritize.

F. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **CAC Update Report** - Chair Keester reported on recent discussions within the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). At this time, no formal development proposal for the former golf course has been submitted to the city. Until a proposal is available, the CAC and the Environment Commission will continue sharing relevant information as issues arise. Chair Keester will relay updates between the two groups to ensure alignment on environmental and planning considerations.
2. **Staff Liaison Report** – None.
3. **Council Liaison Report** – Council Liaison May provided updates on city, county, and state initiatives, with a focus on multimodal transportation goals and related grant opportunities currently in progress. She also noted that the Metropolitan Council has launched a study of Larpeur Avenue across Ramsey County, which may inform future transportation and safety improvements within Falcon Heights.

G. ADJOURN

Commissioner Keester made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by consent at 8:09 PM.

Next regular meeting date: July 13, 2026